

**REMARKS****Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Patent Office rejected claims 39 – 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (2) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claims 39, 40, and 41 of the present application to correct some typographical errors that alleviate the Patent Office's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Please note that such amendments to claims 39 – 41 are to correct typographical errors and are not made for any reasons of patentability.

Claim 39 has been amended so that "an interrogation reader [is] attached to said at least one movable arm." Claim 40 has been amended to insert "said" in between "wherein" and "antenna" to read "wherein said antenna." Claim 41 has been amended to insert the word "one" in between "least" and "antenna" to read "at least one antenna."

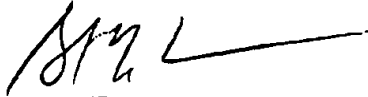
**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 – Brady**

The Patent Office rejected claims 41 – 46 as being unpatentable over Brady (U.S. Patent No. 6,166,638) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim 41 recites "an antenna array" wherein the step is provided of "activating a switch to provide a coupling to at least one antenna in an antenna array." Brady does not disclose an antenna array, and further does not disclose the step of activating a switch to provide a coupling to at least one antenna in an antenna array. Brady shows only one interrogation reader and antenna device (item 82) wherein the single antenna can interrogate RFID transponders (74, 75, 76) associated with packages (71, 72, 73, respectively). Therefore, since Brady does not disclose or suggest an antenna array, this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 cannot be maintained since prior art rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 must either teach or suggest all of the elements of a claimed invention. MPEP § 2143.03.

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